REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the Office Action dated March 3, 2005. In response, the specification and abstract have been amended. Claims 2, and 13-16 have been canceled, claims 1 and 3-12 have been amended and new claims 17 and 18 are presented herewith. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectively requested.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the "motor shaft," thus obviating the rejection under Section 112. Further, the recitations of canceled claim 2 have been incorporated therein. The remaining amendments to the claims are of a non-substantive nature, and are intended to solely place the applications at a more readable and understandable format.

With regard to the cited art, original claims 1-5 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Uhl (U.S. Patent No. 5,287,832). In this regard, the Office Action indicates that the "engaging element 10 is rotatable in relationship to pulley 6 by an angle limitable stop 27." It is noted that the subject matter of the cited reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,287,832) was discussed at length in the present application with reference to German Publication No. DE – P 41 35 405 A1 (see page 2). The cited reference claims priority from this German published document. With regard to the recitations now found in independent claim 1, it is submitted that a limit stop arranged on an underside of the engaging element so as to face the pulley or rope drum can not be found in the Uhl Patent. Indeed, the Uhl Patent teaches a different arrangement as set forth in the Uhl Patent, Column 5, Lines 20-26.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that each of the pending claims 1, 3-12, 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance, notice of which is respectively requested.

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